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## ***MEDIA ADVISORY FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE***

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### **Plower Deadline for Cotton Extended Due to Heavy Rains**

(Phoenix) -- Due to the continued wet weather pattern we are experiencing across the State, the Director of the Arizona Department of Agriculture is granting a blanket extension to the PLOWER deadline in the following zones:

**Zone C** – The vast majority of Mohave County, La Paz County, except the Cibola Valley – **February 15, 2005**

**Zone E** – The following portion of La Paz County: the Cibola – **March 1, 2005**

**Zone F** – The vast majority of Maricopa County and Pinal County - **March 1, 2005**

The Arizona Department of Agriculture consulted with Paul Brown with the University of Arizona and Arizona Cotton Research and Protection Council to choose these zones.

The purpose of this extension is not only to help the farmer work around the State's recent abnormal weather patterns, but also to help maintain a period of time when the ground is free of cotton debris and therefore, keep potential bugs and pests at bay.

The reason this extension applies only to cotton is because the primary pests of concern in our State are found primarily in cotton. These pests include Pink Boll Worm and Cotton Boll Weevil.

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